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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**Marcus Peinado, Paul England, and Ramarathnam Venkatesan**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

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For: **ENFORCEMENT ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT**

**Express Mail No. EL219292782US**

**Date: January 13, 2000**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application,  
without prejudice, as follows:

**In the Title:**

Please delete the title and insert therefor:

-- METHOD FOR OBTAINING A BLACK BOX FOR PERFORMING DECRYPTION AND  
ENCRYPTION FUNCTIONS IN A DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT (DRM) SYSTEM --.